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Auditor Adam Edelen to conduct public hearings to assess the fiscal health of rural hospitals

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 8, 2014) – Auditor Adam Edelen will host a series of public hearings across the Commonwealth this summer to talk about the fiscal health of rural hospitals.

The 10 hearings kick off a study by the Auditor’s office that seeks to understand the challenges facing small, community hospitals that provide health care to 45 percent of Kentuckians and are key economic drivers in those communities.

“Rural hospitals are teetering on the edge of survival in many Kentucky communities,” Auditor Edelen said. “This is an effort to understand the degree to which our hospitals are in crisis and what might be done to save them.”

The Auditor’s office is currently soliciting the financial records of some 66 public, non-profit and for-profit hospitals in rural western and eastern Kentucky. A survey asking key questions about their fiscal health will then be conducted. The Auditor’s office plans to issue a report this fall.

Hospital administrators and staff, local elected officials, other health care providers and the public are invited to attend the hearings to voice their concerns and experiences in rural hospitals.

Scheduled Public Hearings

Prestonsburg

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 15
Mountain Arts Center
50 Hal Rogers Dr.

Hazard

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 15
UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health
750 Morton Blvd.

Pineville

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16
Pine Mountain State Resort Park
1050 State Park Road

Morehead

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 23
MSU Center for Health Education
216 W. 2nd St.

Maysville

2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23
Mason County Health Department
130 East 2nd St.

Madisonville

10 a.m. CDT, Thursday, July 31
Baptist Health
200 Clinic Dr.
8th Floor

Princeton

2:30 p.m. CDT, Thursday, July 31
Caldwell Medical Center
100 Medical Center Dr.

Leitchfield

10:30 a.m. CDT, Wednesday, Aug. 6
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Leitchfield Campus
101 E. Carroll Gibson Blvd.

Columbia

10 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, Aug. 12
Westlake Regional Hospital
901 Westlake Dr.

Campbellsville

2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12
Taylor Regional Hospital
1700 Old Lebanon Road

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